

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 DAR ES 03644 020526Z

12

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 EA-11 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-14 DRC-01 NEA-10 EB-11 COME-00

TRSE-00 OMB-01 SIL-01 LAB-06 INT-08 /203 W

----- 010897

R 011230Z NOV 73

FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4215

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

USUN NEW YORK 475

DOD

CINCPAC

CINCEUR

CINCLANT

COMIDEASTFOR

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 3644

CINCLANT CINCEUR AND CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR

SUBJ: U.S. NAVAL TASK FORCE IN INDIAN OCEAN

REF: STATE 214078; DAR ES SALAAM 3460 (NOTAL); DAR ES SALAAM
3630 (NOTAL)

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 DAR ES 03644 020526Z

QM SUMMARY. TANGOV OPPOSED TO U.S. NAVAL VESSELS, OR NAVAL

VESSELS ANY OTHER MAJOR POWER, IN INDIAN OCEAN WHICH CLEAR IN ITS OCTOBER 30 STATEMENT (DAR 3630). TANGOV OFFICIAL OPINES, HOWEVER, THAT TANGOV OFFICIALS LIKELY BE LESS OUTSPOKEN AGAINST THOSE COUNTRIES HELPING OUST LAST VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA AND OVERTHROW MINORITY REGIMES THERE THAN AGAINST THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH IN FACT HELPING PORTUGAL, RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA MAINTAIN THEIR RULE. END SUMMARY

2. DURING CALL ON WILLIAM MBAGO, DIRECTOR EUROPE AND AMERICA DIVISION, FONMIN ON OTHER MATTERS, DCM GAVE HIM ON BEHALF AMBASSADOR ITEM 28, "U.S. CARRIER MOVEMENT CALLED UNRELATED TO SOVIET BUILD-UP" AND PERTINENT SECTIONS ITEM 34, "DEFENSE DEPT. BRIEFING NOTES" FROM USIS OCTOBER 30 AFRICA FILE NO. 209. MBAGO ALSO GIVEN UNATTRIBUTED ANALYSIS DATED SPRING, 1973 TITLED, "THE SOVIET PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN".

3. MBAGO REITERATED TANGOV OPPOSITION TO ENTRY U.S. NAVAL TASK FORCE INTO INDIAN OCEAN OUTLINED TANGOV STATEMENT ISSUED OCTOBER 30, (DAR 3630). WHEN QUERIED WHY TANGOV DOES NOT ALSO PROTEST PRESENCE UK, FRENCH OR USSR NAVAL VESSELS IN INDIAN OCEAN, MBAGO REPLIED TANGOV HAS MADE ITS OPPOSITION TO PRESENCE FRENCH NAVAL VESSELS IN INDIAN OCEAN CLEAR TO FRENCH AND AT OTTAWA COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE SIMILARLY PROTESTED VISITS OF UK NAVAL VESSELS INDIAN OCEAN AND, IN PARTICULAR, CALLS AT SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS. TANGOV UNAWARE, HOWEVER, EXTENT USSR NAVAL FORCE IN INDIAN OCEAN. REALIZE SOMALIA RECEIVES MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM USSR AND THAT RUSSIAN SOLDIERS ARE IN SOMALIA TRAINING SOMALIS, BUT TANGOV HAS NO INFORMATION ON USSR NAVAL FORCES THERE OR IN ADEN. IN WARM DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED, MBAGO THAN SAID EVEN IF IT WERE PROVED TO TANGOV THAT RUSSIAN NAVAL VESSELS ARE IN INDIAN OCEAN IN FORCE, THEIR PRESENCE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF U.S. NAVAL VESSELS. USSR IS HELPING TO OUST LAST VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA AND TO OVERTHROW MINORITY REGIMES THERE. U.S. IS NOT HELPING; IN FACT, U.S. IS LENDING ITS SUPPORT TO PORTUGAL, RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. U.S. HAS CONTRIBUTED TO TRAINING OF PORTUGUESE MILITARY WHO THEN GO AND FIGHT IN MOZAMBIQUE. U.S. PAYS FOR ITS MILITARY BASE IN AZORES WHICH PERMITS PORTUGAL TO RELEASE FUNDS TO SUPPORT ITS AFRICAN WARS. U.S. BROKE U.N. SANCTION AGAINST IMPORT OF CHROME FROM RHODESIA. U.S. PERMITS LARGE INVESTMENTS

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 DAR ES 03644 020526Z

IN BUSINESSES IN SOUTH AFRICA WHERE BLACKS PAID LESS THAN WHITES FOR SAME WORK. HENCE, U.S. IN FACT SUPPORTING APARTHEID. TANGOV KNOWS U.S. TROOPS NOT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT U.S. IN MANY WAYS IS IN FACT SUPPORTING REGIMES THERE. THUS PERHAPS SENSIBLE TO HAVE NAVAL FORCE IN INDIAN OCEAN FROM COUNTRY WHICH SHARES TANGOV OPPOSITION TO MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO COUNTER NAVAL FORCES FROM COUNTRIES WHICH SUPPORT THOSE REGIMES.

4. IN RESPONSE, MBAGO REMINDED THAT U.S. PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN ASSISTING AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO INDEPENDENCE, OFTEN ANTAGONIZING OLD FRIENDS AND ALLIES, UK AND FRANCE. NEARLY ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT BLOODSHED. U.S. PRESSURE ON UK AND FRANCE IN NO SMALL PART HELPED ACHIEVE THAT RESULT. MANY ARGUE TODAY SIMILAR PRESSURE ON PORTUGAL, FOR EXAMPLE, CAN ACHIEVE SAME RESULT WHICH IN BEST INTEREST ALL INVOLVED. ON RHODESIA CHROME ISSUE, ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON IS SEEKING REPEAL BYRD AMENDMENT WHICH PERMITS IMPORT RHODESIAN CHROME. FINALLY, U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS VERY LITTLE INFLUENCE ON WHERE U.S. BUSINESSES MAKE INVESTMENTS OVERSEAS. NEVERTHELESS, AS PROPORTION, U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN AFRICA NORTH OF ZAMBEZI GOING UP RAPIDLY WHILE THAT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS NOT. ALSO THERE CURRENT PROPOSAL IN CONGRESS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK IN AMERICAN FACTORIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. SOME AMERICAN FIRMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED SUCH PRACTICES. FINALLY, FAILURE OF TANGOV TO CONDEMN USSR PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN, AS WELL AS U.S., IS NOT FOLLOWING, IN OUR VIEW, POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT.

5. IN REBUTTAL MBAGO EMPHASIZED THAT TANGOV STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO ENTRY U.S. NAVAL FORCES INTO INDIAN OCEAN MAKES CLEAR THAT TANGOV IS AS OPPOSED TO USSR NAVAL VESSELS IN INDIAN OCEAN AS IT IS TO NAVAL VESSELS OF U.S. (FYI. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THE CANADIANS ALSO RAISED TANGOV STATEMENT ON INDIAN OCEAN WITH MBAGO YESTERDAY AND MBAGO REITERATED TANGOV OPPOSITION TO SUPERPOWER PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN AND STRESSED POSSIBILITY OF CONFRONTATION. END FYI.)
CARTER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973DARES03644
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: DAR ES SALAAM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731162/aaaabtgr.tel
Line Count: 145
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 214078; DAR ES SALAAM 3460 (NO, TAL); DAR ES SALAAM
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21-Sep-2001 by rowellE0>; APPROVED <28-Nov-2001 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: U.S. NAVAL TASK FORCE IN INDIAN OCEAN
TAGS: MARR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005